P-20 Council
Data Committee Meeting
April 14, 2008 - 1:00 p.m.
Meeting Notes

Location: 1700 W. Washington, 6th Floor Conference Room A, Phoenix, AZ 85007
Committee Members Present: Dr. Sybil Francis, Dr. James Zaharis, Dr. David Curd (telephonic), Dr.
                                        Karen Butterfield.
Staff Present: Lauren Kielsmeier, Erin Hart, Debra Raeder, and Claire Parriott.
Guests Present: Donald Houde of ADE and Benah Parker of Center for the Future of
                                        Arizona.

1. **Call to Order and Welcome**
   Dr. Sybil Francis called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm. It was noted that Dr. David Curd was
   attending telephonically.

2. **Update/Discussion: High School Graduation Rate:**
   - **U.S. Department of Education –Proposal for Uniform Graduation Rate Definition:**
     News Release: NGA would like the definition to be the one agreed upon by all 50
     governors.
   - **America's Promise Alliance Report: Cities in Crisis – Special Analytic Report on
     High School Graduation:** Staff provided the report for the Committee's review and
     specifically noted that Mesa had the highest graduation rate in the country.
   - **Update Arizona's Graduation Rate:** Dr. Benah Parker, from the Center for the Future
     of Arizona, presented information to the Committee on an adjustment by the Arizona
     Department of Education regarding Arizona's graduation rate**.** From 2005 to 2006 the
     rate decreased 5%**.** The Committee engaged in discussion on the possible cause for this
     drop, questioned where there is an issue on the data from previous years, and requested
     that the Department of Education provide information in this regard at the next meeting
     of the Committee.

3. **Update/Discussion: Arizona Education Data Warehouse**
   Donald Houde, of ADE, updated the committee on his progress regarding the design and
   implementation of the new data warehouse system indicating that: the electronic school report
   card is now available; that work continues on an education stakeholder identifier; an ECAP Ad
   Hoc Design Committee has formed to establish and identify elements for baseline uniform
   software as well as an interface for districts already using ECAP software; and development of
   the system to collect testing data on students. The Committee asked for a roadmap and timeframe
   for the full development and implementation of the data warehouse system. Don agreed to share
   this information with the Committee.

4. **Update/Discussion: Transfer of Student Identifiers to Higher Education Institutions**
   Christy Farley was unavailable to attend. The discussion will be moved to the agenda of the next
   committee meeting.

5. **Update/Discussion: Dropout Prevention Initiative**
   Staff provided an update on America's Promise grant program addressing drop out prevention.
   The Governor's Office will apply. The deadline is April 21, 2008.

6. **Update/Discussion: Teacher ID Legislation**
   Staff updated the committee on the status of HB 2787. It passed the House, but stalled in the Senate K-12 Education Committee.

7. **Update: Education Career Action Plan (ECAP)**
   Dr. Karen Butterfield informed the committee members that the ECAP rule language had been adopted by the State Board of Education in February of 2008 and that they would be mandated for high school students, beginning with the class of 2013.

8. **Next Steps**
   Dr. Francis asked for an update from the Arizona Department of Education regarding the graduation rate data to discuss the cause of inconsistencies in the data. Dr. Butterfield and Dr. Francis would like the committee to meet with the ECAP steering committee. Donald Houde will prepare a user-friendly roadmap for the Data Warehouse for the committee members. The discussion of transferring student identifiers to higher education institutions will be moved to the next agenda.

9. **Call to the Public**
   There were no requests from the public to address the Committee.

10. **Adjournment**
    There being no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned by Dr. Sybil Francis at 2:25pm.